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BACK LIGHT DEVICE WITH DIFFUSING SHEET FOR A LIQUID CRYSTAL

DISPLAY APPARATUS

(AS AMENDED)

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.115

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Further to the November 2 personal interview with Examiner Chowdhury, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 6 as follows:

(Three Time Amended)/A back light device comprising: 1.

a light source;

a lightconductor, in a substantial plate form comprising a front face, a back

face and side end faces,

light radiated from the light source and made incident on the one of the side end faces being output as a first diffused light having a directivity from a light outputting surface which is the front face;